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Notice of Lifting of Suspension Date:

TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: INITIATION ON CERTAIN CARBON STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM SOUTH KOREA, THAILAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND VENEZUELA

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TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS DISTRICT DIRECTORS. AREA AND PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, TRADE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

RE: INITIATION ON CERTAIN CARBON STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM SOUTH KOREA, THAILAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND VENEZUELA

- 1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ON MARCH 25, 1994 ITS INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING CERTAIN CARBON STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM SOUTH KOREA, THAILAND (MANUFACTURER: AWAJI SANGYO (THAILAND) CO. LTD. (AST)), THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND VENEZUELA.
- 2. THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE CERTAIN CARBON STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS HAVING AN INSIDE DIAMETER OF LESS THAN FOURTEEN INCHES (355 MILLIMETERS), IMPORTED IN EITHER

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FINISHED OR UNFINISHED CONDITION. PIPE FITTINGS ARE FORGED STEEL PRODUCTS USED TO JOIN PIPE SECTIONS IN PIPING SYSTEMS WHERE CONDITIONS REQUIRE PERMANENT, WELDED, CONNECTIONS, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM FITTINGS BASED ON OTHER METHODS OF FASTENING (E.G., THREADED, GROOVED, OR BOLTED FITTINGS). PIPE FITTINGS COME IN SEVERAL BASIC SHAPES: "ELBOWS", "TEES", "CAPS", AND "REDUCERS". THE EDGES OF FINISHED PIPE FITTINGS ARE BEVELED, SO THAT WHEN A FITTING IS PLACED AGAINST THE END OF A PIPE (THE ENDS OF WHICH HAVE ALSO BEEN BEVELED), A SHALLOW CHANNEL IS CREATED TO ACCOMMODATE THE "BEAD" OF THE WELD WHICH JOINS THE FITTING TO THE PIPE. THESE PIPE FITTINGS ARE CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADING 7307.93.3000 OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS).

ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADING IS PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, OUR WRITTEN DESCRIPTIONS OF THE SCOPE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE DISPOSITIVE.

- 3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THESE CASES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIONS NUMBERS: SOUTH KOREA A-580-824, THAILAND A-549-809, UNITED KINGDOM A-412-816, AND VENEZUELA A-307-812.
- 4. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS
  OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT VIA E-MAIL, THROUGH THE REGIONAL
  ANTIDUMPING/COUNTERVAILING DUTY COORDINATOR, THETRADE COMPLIANCE

DIVISION, ANTIDUMPING/COUNTERVAILING DUTY BRANCH, USING ATATRIBUTE "HQ OAB". THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:

SOUTH KOREA TOM MCGINTY (202) 482-5055
THAILAND VINCE KANE (202) 482-2815
UNITED KINGDOM JULIE ANNE OSGOOD (202) 482-0167
VENEZUELA SUE STRUMBEL (202) 482-1442

5. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

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I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party